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**Tara B. White, Chair  
Michele Shalaby  
Nathaniel H. Yohalem  
Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, August 25, 2014**

**Board Members Present:** Tara B. White, Chairman  
Michele Shalaby  
Nat Yohalem

**Others Present:** Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant  
Charles Loring  
Nicolas Reitzel, Stantec  
Garry McCarthy, Stantec  
Prue Spaulding

**The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:00 p.m.**

**After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to approve the minutes of the August 7 and August 11, 2014 Selectmen's meetings, as amended.**

**Clayton Mill River Bridge** – Chairman White expressed her concern over the possible delay in the Clayton Mill River Bridge project. Per Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring, there will be time-of-year constraints (July-August 2015) due to the Category 2 filing. Selectman Yohalem asked if this could increase the cost. Chuck stated that if the existing plans could be used, the cost would remain the same. In the meantime, Chuck stated he would pave the road to smooth out the potholes. Both Nicolas Reitzel and Garry McCarthy will investigate to determine if the bridge can be repaired under a Category 1, which is a much simpler construction project, and they will advise the Town of its findings.

**Hadsell Street Bridge** – Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring, stated that Stantec had a contract with the State for the Hadsell Street Bridge. Although the paperwork had been completed for construction in 2015, it appears the State has put it off until early 2016.

Stantec suggested that the local towns combine their efforts on these bridge projects and solicit the legislators in an effort to make the process of repairing/replacing bridges less complicated and less expensive. Selectman Yohalem said that the Towns are starting to work together on shared services and have meetings planned. Stantec offered to help in any way possible.

**Highway Superintendent and Fire Chief Contract** – The contract is not yet complete. Mike Skorput will have these available for the Monday, September 8, 2014 meeting.

**Surplus Vehicles** – Per Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring, the Federal Government has reversed its decision on the availability of surplus vehicles to communities. Apparently, complaints to put pressure on the Federal Government came from across the country.

**County Road** - Drainage will be complete on County Road in a few days, which will then be ready for paving.

**Roads Scholar Letter** - Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring, stated he received a letter from the Bay State Roads Program awarding him the rating of “Roads Scholar.”  
Congratulations, Chuck!

**Police Chief Contract** – Will be available for the Monday, September 8, 2014 Selectman’s Meeting.

**School Update** – Chairman White stated that she attended a meeting with Dave Hastings, three Select Board members, three school committee members, one person from Egremont, one person from Alford, but no attendees from Monterey regarding the outlying schools. They appear to be leaning toward a decision to close the Monterey school in favor of investing those monies in the Sheffield campus. The feeling per Dave Hastings is that Monterey’s back is up against the wall. Monterey’s original plan was to build a new school; however, they would have to go to the Town in May 2015 to have these monies appropriated. It was further discussed that there are six district children who are going to be attending school in Monterey. However, two of the children are twins who do not meet the minimum age requirements. The school committee decided to change their policy to allow them into the district. There will be a reaffirmation vote on this issue Thursday, August 28, 2014. The feeling by the end of this meeting was that the Monterey school should closed. Four out of the five towns must vote in favor of closing a school after the town itself has voted to close their school. In anticipation of a meeting with Dave Hastings, Chairman White explained that the Board of Selectmen has a meeting with Francine Groener on Friday, August 29, at New Marlborough Central School. She will update the Board on class size, etc. There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 3 with Dave Hastings

**Town Hall Renovations** - Per Michael Skorput, he’s recommending that only the bathrooms be remodeled in order to satisfy the ADA requirements. He has asked EDM to rework their estimate, because of cost issues, to include the bathrooms but not the Tax Assessor’s office.

**Spiess Property** - A motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to have Chairman White sign the contract with Sullivan and Sullivan who will conduct an auction on the Spiess property on Saturday, September 27 at 11 a.m.

**Foley Bridge** - The bridge is completed including new guardrails. Letters of appreciation will be sent to Erica Kreuter at MassWorks, BSC and Maxymillian.

**Transfer Station** - Per Michael Skorput, he met with Roger Levine, Joe Wilkinson and Tom Maguire (owner of Maguire Equipment) and decided on a location in which to install a single-stream compactor. The compactor should be delivered in three to four weeks; in the meantime, both the concrete pad will be poured and the electrical work completed. The compactor should be available by mid-October.

**Sign on Town Property** – Per Selectman Yohalem, he received a complaint about a Michael White Construction sign on the Village green. Michael Skorput will send a letter to White Construction asking them to remove the sign, so no precedent is set regarding signs on Town property.

**Halloween** – Selectman Shalaby requested this be put on the September 15 agenda, so adequate police supervision can be given that evening to protect the Halloweeners.

**Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck  
Administrative Secretary